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TAGS: ETRD

SUBJECT: BULGARIAN EMIGRATION POLICIES

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REF: STATE 174097

1. BULGARIAN REGIME DENIES NUMBER OF ITS CITIZENS
RIGHT TO EMIGRATE OR INDEED LEAVE COUNTRY FOR ANY
PURPOSE. ALTHOUGH EMB UNAWARE ANY OPPRESSIVE EMIGRA-
TION TAXATION SYSTEM, DENIAL OF EXIT IS FULLY EFFECTIVE
THROUGH ADMINISTRATION PASSPORT AND EXIT VISA ISSUANCE
POLICIES. WILL ENDEAVOR PROVIDE PERTINENT LEGAL
REFERENCES (IF SUCH EXIST IN PUBLIC DOMAIN FOLLOWING
RESEARCH.

2. EMB VISA AND PASSPORT RECORDS REVEAL ABOUT 25
INSTANCES IN WHICH EXIT PERMISSION DENIED.

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OF THESE LONG PENDING AND HENCE INTEREST FACTORS
MAY HAVE CHANGED. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE CONFIDENT
THAT THERE ARE MANY EXIT DENIAL CASES OF WHICH WE ARE
NOT AWARE. IN MOST CASES, AUTHORITIES GIVE NO REASON
FOR DENYING EXIT PERMISSION.

3. OFFICIAL GOB STATISTICS FOR 1970 (LATEST YEAR
AVAILABLE) SHOW 11,031 EMIGRANTS FROM BULGARIA, ALL
DESCRIBED AS ETHNIC TURKS EXCEPT FOR 6 ARMENIANS, 5 JEWS,
2 BULGARIANS AND 8 MISCELLANEOUS OTHERS. WE SUSPECT THESE
FIGURES DO NOT INCLUDE "DEFECTORS" OR ILLEGAL EMIGRANTS.
OFFICIAL STATISTICS FOR 1969 AND 1970/ YEAR- END POPULATION
AND FOR NATURAL INCREASE DURING 1970 CONFIRM
OUT- MIGRATION IN 1970 EXCEEDED IN- MIGRATION BY ABOUT
11,050 PERSONS.

4. EMB ISSUED 8 IMMIGRANT VISAS IN CALENDAR YEAR 1970,
ALL UNDER BULGARIAN QUOTA.
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